उपयुक्त रोजगार प्राप्त करने में विकलांग व्यक्तियों को सहायता करते हैं।

राज्य व्यापार निगम में अनियमितताएं

*290. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी० सोलंकी:** क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या राज्य व्यापार निगम के अधिकारी तथा कतिपय निदेशक कुछ निर्यातकों के प्रति पक्षपात करते पाये गये हैं जिसके परिणामस्वरूप सरकार को भारी हानि हुई है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है तथा इसके क्या कारण है;

(ग) सरकार को इस कारण कितनी हानि हुई है तथा यह सच है कि हाल ही में यूरिया, खाद्य तेल और अन्य वस्तुओं के आयात में अनेक अनियमितताएं तथा वित्तीय धोखाधड़ी की गई है;

(घ) सरकार द्वारा इस संबंध में क्या-क्या कदम उठाये गये है/उठाये जाने का विचार है?

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री राम कृष्ण हेगड़े): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) प्रश न नहीं उठता।

(ग) और (घ) वर्ष 1997-98 में यूरिया सौदे में एस० टी० सी० की भूमिका की जांच सी० बी० आई० द्वारा की गई थी जिसने सावधानीपूर्वक जांच करने के बाद इस मामले को समाप्त कर दिया।

वर्ष 1998-99 में गेहूं के आयात में किसी कथित अनियमितता के लिए एस० टी० सी० की भूमिका की सी० बी०सी० / सी०बी०आई० जांच चल रही है।

Financial and Development Corporations for SCs and STs

*291. **CHAUDHARY CHUNNI LAL:** Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Financial and Development Corporations for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes that are functioning in the country, alongwith their position State-wise;

(b) how much funds have been earmarked, disposed and unutilised, so far;

(c) the number of beneficia were extended financial assist these Corporations; and

(d) what actually the National F. and Development Corporation Scheduled Castes is doing at pres brief and what work has been done

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF T. MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTIC. AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) 24 Scheduled Caste and Finance Development Corporations for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are functioning in the country. The State/Union Territories wise position is as given in Statement (*See* below),

(b) Since the inception of the scheme, an amount of Rs. 748.82 crores has been released to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Corporations so far.

(c) These corporations have extended assistance to 96.49 lakhs beneficiaries since 1980.

(d) A brief note of NSFDC is as under:

NSFDC has been established as a Government Company, not for profit under Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956, on 8th February, 1989. The authorised as well as paid-up share capital of the Corporation is Rs. 300 crores as on date is entirely held by the Goverment of India.

Objectives: The main objective of the Corporation is to accelerate economic growth and development of the members of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes whose annual income is below double the proverty line income criteria, NSFDC is assisting the target group by providing necessary funds at concessional rates through State level Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Development Corporations and other channelising agencies for implementing various technically feabible and financially viable schemes/projects, promoting business and entrepreneurial abilities of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.